Thus Dr. Campbell depicts himself as a victim of professional hostility on the one hand, and public superstition on the other. The straw man expresses his own point of view:

> They [the public] don't, in fact, seem to know anything at all about this form of galvanism, which, nevertheless, they were so ready to condemn? (24)

"Lawyer Blank" repeats Dr. Workman's hypothetical syllogism: if there was a "shadow of suspicion of pregnancy," galvanic treatment potentially amounted to an abortion. Dr. Campbell emphatically denies the antecedent. One somehow suspects that he must be referring to physiological "shadows" only, since there clearly were suspicions of his son, raised by Mary's own accusations. Subsequently "Lawyer Blank" parodies the syllogism: if Dr. Workman, in a conspiracy against homeopathy, tampered with Mary's body in the mortuary, then "DR. JOSEPH WORKMAN SHOULD BE HIMSELF TAKEN CHARGE OF IN THE PROVINCIAL PENITENTIARY AS A FELON" (24).

A third "microscopic examination" confirms that "uterus and its appendages were in a state of sub-acute inflammation" and indicates the presence of a "corpus luteum," which Dr. Campbell explains might have been "the local cause of the excitement of the sexual feeling" that led to Mary's hallucination. He somewhat pedantically refers his audience to a book the public could not possibly be aware of: Carpenter's Physiology.

Dr. Campbell emphasizes that "the galvanism had not been used until after the menstruation had once begun, and had again stopped" (25). He explains that when menstruation has begun it cannot be Amenorrhoea, and that when its interruption is attended with pain "it is usually called Dysmenorrhoea" (25-6). His language thus seems slightly evasive on this point, shifting from what something "is" to what it is "usually called," as if wishing to disguise the very real possibility that such an interruption might have been something else.

He dismisses the suspicions about Poole as entirely impossible. These are generally regarded as absurd, as a whole month had elapsed between the alleged time of events and their relation by Mary, she retracted her story two hours later, etc.